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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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	x 9=	\$	
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	x 135=	\$	
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 OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY

 RATE
 ADDL. FEE

 x 18=
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 x 80=
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 x 270=
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following Preliminary Amendment for entry in the above-identified application prior to examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before line 1, please insert the following before the first paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, line 29, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 3, before line 1, please insert the following before the first paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9 and 10 without prejudice.